Pending applications of new scheduled airlines

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are permitting the existing private domestic airlines to purchase aircrafts thus blocking the new airlines to start operations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of permissions granted to existing airlines for purchase of aircrafts, airlines-wise during the last one year; and

(c) the details of pending applications for clearances for new scheduled airlines and the reasons for delay in granting NOCs to new players in the aviation sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir. New aircraft are required to cater to the rapidly growing air travel market.

(b) The details of permission granted to existing airlines for purchase of aircraft during the last one year are as under:—

Airlines	Number of Aircraft
(i) M/s Jet Airways (India) Ltd.	— 22
(ii) M/s Sahara Airlines Ltd.	—19
(iii) M/s Deccan Aviation Pvt. Ltd.	—92
(iv) M/s Kingfisher Airlines Ltd.	—4
(v) M/s Spice Jet Ltd.	—3
(vi) M/s Blue Dart Aviation Ltd. (Cargo)	— 5

(c) At present two applications for grant of No Objection Certificate for scheduled air transport services are pending approval. The details are as under—

(i) M/s Magic Airways Pvt. Ltd. — pending for examination of the issue of investment by persons of Indian origin.

(ii) M/s Mukti Airways Pvt. Ltd. — pending for want of security clearance of the board of directors of the company.